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Dear Indiana Asphalt FESOP Source:

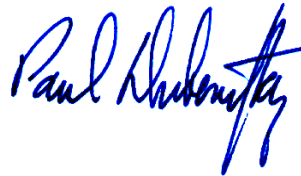
Re: General FESOP for Asphalt Plants

A notice was published in the Indiana Register on December 1, 2000 that the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) had developed a draft general FESOP for certain types of asphalt plants and was accepting comments on the draft permit. The OAQ is currently reviewing the comments received during the comment period. Although the final version of the general FESOP may not be available for a few more weeks, OAQ hopes that many asphalt sources will choose to be issued a general FESOP. In order to fulfill the FESOP renewal requirements, many sources may need to submit a renewal application prior to the general FESOP becoming available; therefore, the OAQ wishes to inform you how your renewal application can be converted into an application for the general FESOP.

Nine (9) months prior to the date of expiration of the FESOP, an asphalt plant that might want to be issued a general FESOP should submit the renewal application and a letter indicating the desire to have the option of choosing to obtain a general FESOP once it becomes available. The information contained in this application will be necessary for the general FESOP as well as the renewal FESOP. Once the general FESOP is final, OAQ will send a letter notifying sources that indicated an interest in the general FESOP of the availability of the permit. A copy of the final version, an addendum stating the changes made to the draft, a document with answers to frequently asked questions, an application, and a request for the \$500 filing fee will also be sent at that time. The application for the general permit will require the source to certify that it can and will meet the limitations and requirements that will be contained within the general permit; most of the application will be in a form of a checklist. If the source submits the general FESOP application and the \$500 filing fee, its renewal application will be combined with the general FESOP application and the OAQ will process it as a general FESOP.

Information may be obtained from the OAQ's website on the internet at: <http://www.state.in.us/ide/oam>. If you have any questions regarding the general FESOP, please call Polly Hite at 317/233-2629 or toll-free within Indiana at 1-800-451-6027 press 0 and ask for extension 3-2629.

Sincerely,



Paul Dubenetzky, Chief
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Enclosures:
FESOP Renewal Outreach

CC:
Local Agencies and Regional Offices